

THE GOLD DIGGERS.

A Reunion of the Forty-Niners in Pittsburg and Vicinity.

VERY FEW OF THEM NOW SURVIVE.

They Do Not Believe Late Reports About New Bonanzas.

MEMORIES OF THE GREAT FEVER

Something of zest was added to the festivities of a reunion of "Forty-niners" last night by the reported discovery of great gold streaks in Lower California.

When roll was called last night just 65 of the original 400 were accounted for. The others are all believed to be dead.

THE SURVIVORS.

Many were killed in California or in the West by Indians; others died on the way to or from the Golden Gate, while others have passed away since then.

The 16 assembled last evening were: Messrs. F. C. Negley, J. K. Darrington, J. Aiken, Jacob Capps, J. C. Anderson, J. Hugs, W. H. Wilson, W. Schaeffer, J. Kern, W. C. Reed, H. H. Dixon, W. P. Estep and C. F. Kirtland.

Three toasts were proposed during the anniversary as follows: "Our Country," responded to by F. C. Negley; "California," responded to by John Hugs; "Our Absent Comrades," responded to by C. F. Kirtland.

THE STORIES RECALLED.

The evening was whiled away in story-telling. One gentleman recalled the fact that the Pittsburg expedition arrived in California when that part of the country was convulsed politically.

Not a few reminiscences of "the diggings" were related. Girls were scarce out there then, but the romances flourished around the letters the boys got from their Pittsburg sweethearts.

The old gentlemen were re-elected for 1889: President, Major F. C. Negley; Secretary, W. J. Bender; Treasurer, Henry Dickson.

RANDALL CLUB RECEPTION.

It is fixed for April 23, and Promises to be Very Brilliant.

The Elmer West reception and banquet of the Randall Club on Tuesday, April 23, promises to excel in brilliancy all their former attempts, and this is saying a good deal.

ONE BEAT SAVED.

The Allegheny Bessemer Steel Company has adopted the direct process at its new mill in Duquesne.

RETURNED TO NEW YORK.

Assistant General Manager E. C. Converse, of the National Tube Works Company, of McKeesport, who has been at the west a week, left Pittsburg last evening for his headquarters in New York City.

IT WAS CAPTIVELY BLACK FRIDAY.

But one marriage license was issued yesterday. It was to William Pappert and Sophia Geis, both of Pittsburgh.

A BIG MIX.

The Railroad Coal Operators to Fix Prices and Wages as they Please.

The failure of the inter-State miners and operators' convention, at Columbus, to settle a price for mining may cause trouble. All the Pittsburgh operators who attended the meeting returned yesterday, but have nothing to say.

ANOTHER CANARD AFOAT.

A rumor that Mr. Westinghouse sold his patents in Great Britain.

A rumor was quietly whispered around yesterday that Mr. George Westinghouse, Jr., had sold the rights of all his patents in Great Britain for \$2,000,000.

A PARSONS PERIL.

In the title of a New England character by William Eastman, illustrating the humor of village gossip.

IRON AND STEEL STAGNATION.

Low Condition of the Market—Trouble Between Two Associations—Lower Wages the Motto of Manufacturers.

The general iron and steel industries are in a very unsettled and unsatisfactory condition, according to manufacturers' statements, but it is not likely that any of the works will close before the regular summer shut-down.

A manufacturer who has made a study of the affairs says that pig metal has fallen \$1.75 to \$2 per ton since last fall, while finished products have declined from \$3 to \$5 per ton.

There is a great deal of trouble about wages. As some manufacturers are operating their mills under the Amalgamated scale and others under the scale adopted by N. T. & K. of L.

It was reported yesterday that the Eastern manufacturers would insist on continuing the payment of lower wages than are received by workers in the West.

The annual scale of the Amalgamated Association will be drawn up in a few weeks and will be submitted at the June convention.

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TWO GOOD LECTURES.

Clergymen Talk of Plain Truths and the Longfellow Home.

THE COUNTRY'S MORALS DRIFTING.

Because of Too Many Evil Influences Bearing on the Young.

THE POET'S LIFE IN HAPPY CONTRAST.

Rev. W. R. Mackay last evening delivered the second of his series of Lenten lectures in St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

The lectures are given under the auspices of the King's Sons. His subject was "The Plain Truth About What Every Man Knows."

His remarks were interesting and directly to the point. The moral plane of the people of this country was, he said, gradually being lowered by their familiarity with vice and immorality.

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